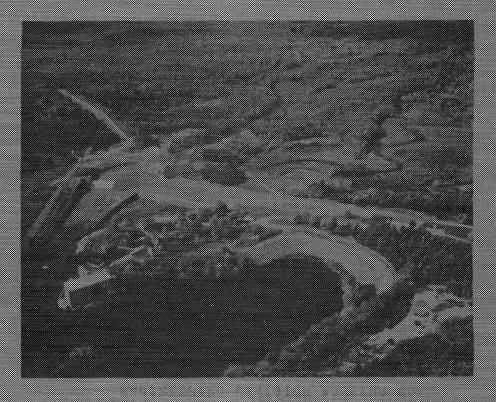
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PART I - GENERAL

Chapter 1 - Introduction

- a. Authority. Project operation manual, Regulation ER 1130-2-304 and Appendix 1 dated 25 March 1966.
- b. Purpose. This manual is to provide guidance and instruction to personnel for the proper operation and maintenance of the project facilities.

. c. Parts of Manual.

Part I - General
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d. Scope of the Manual. Scope of the manual is limited to the essential operation and maintenance instructions to operating personnel for the proper upkeep, repair, maintenance and operation of the facilities.

Chapter 2 - Project Description

- a. Authorization and Location. Construction of Hodges Village Dam and Reservoir project was authorized by the Act of Congress, approved 18 August 1941, Public Law 228, 77th Congress and the Flood Control Act of 22 December 1944, Public Law 534, 78th Congress. The Hodges Village Dam and Reservoir is located in the town of Oxford, in South Central, Massachusetts in the upper Thames River Basin. The dam site is close by Hodges Village, sometimes known as Howarth Village, about 10 miles south of Worcester and 16.5 miles upstream from the mouth of the French River at its confluence with the Quinebaug River.
- b. Brief description of the project. The dam is a rock and earth fill type. It has a top length of 2,050 feet, a top width of 22 feet, a top elev. of 520 m.s.l. and 55 feet above river bed. The spillway is on rock with a concrete weir lb5 feet long, crest elevation of 501 m.s.l. Reservoir is operated for flood control purposes and has a storage capacity of 13,250 acre-feet which is equivalent to 8.0 inches of run-off from its drainage area of 31.1 square miles. Included in the project are four earth dikes with a total length of 2,660 feet with a maximum height of 35 feet. Reservoir is operated as a unit of a coordinated system of reservoirs for flood control in Thames River Basin.

PERTINENT DATA

RIVER BASIN:	Thames
PROJECT NAME:	Hodges Village Dam
RIVER:	French River
LOCATION:	Oxford, Massachusetts
DRAINAGE AREA SQ, MILES	31.1
RESERVOIR	
Permanent Pool	No permanent pool
FLOOD CONTROL STORAGE	
Capacity - Acre-feet	13,250
- Inches of runoff	8.0
Area at Crest - Acres	740
Length - Miles	140
DAM	
Type	Rock and Earth Fill
Length - feet	2,050
Top Elev. ft m.s.l.	520
Height above river bed	55
DIKES-Number, total, length	4 2,660
SPILIMAY	Chute spillway
Type	Ogee Weir
Length-feet	145
Elev. m.s.l.	501
Distance below top of Dam-ft.	19
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CONTROL WORKS	
	Two conduits
Size-feet	5' x 6'
Length-feet	206'
Invert Elevm.s.l.	465.5
Capacity-full pool- c.f.s.	1,700
	Elec. controlled slide
Number	2
Size	5' x 6'
TOTAL QUANTITIES	
Embankment Volume - c.y.	282,400
Concrete - c.y.	3,000

PERTINENT DATA

TOTAL COST

OPERATIONAL DATE

PROJECT AREA - Fee (Acres)
- Easement (Acres)

RECREATIONAL FACILITIES

Managed by

NO. OF PERMANENT EMPLOYEES

RADIO CALL SIGN

RIVER STAGE CHECK POINTS AT

NO. OF GOVERNMENT QUARTERS

4,425,000

October 1959

873 264

18 picnic tables, parking areas, 8 fireplaces, sanitary facilities, water supply, 2 picnic areas. L.L. BB field, Football field, Snowmobile trails

Mass. Div. Fish & Games & Town of Oxford

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WUA 511

French River at Webster

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- c. <u>History</u>. (1) Construction of the project was initiated in March 1958 and completed in December 1959. Total cost of project was \$4,425,000.
- (2) Remedial work to downstream slope of the dam was performed in the summer of 1968 and included rockfill, subdrains and road construction.
- d. List of Project Contracts. (1) Hodges Village Dam was constructed by Donahue & Bartels Inc. Contract 58-329, awarded 7 March, 1958.
- (2) Relocation of Roads. Contract 58-376, awarded 24 February, 1958, to Commonwealth of Massachusetts.
- (3) Relocation of Cemetery. Contract 60-473, awarded 20 June, 1960, to DeFina & Sons, Inc.
- (4) Resurfacing with bituminous concrete Sta. 3+50 to Sta. 17+14 CIVENG-64-328, April, 1964.
- (5) Remedial work awarded 27 June 1968 to CBX Development Corporation, Leominister, Mass. in the amount of \$42,075.

PART II - OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE

CHAPTER 1 - GENERAL

- a. Scope. Part II of the manual covers the operating and maintenance instructions, limits, and criteria for only the major or critical project equipment and facilities and only information actually needed for the guidance of the Project Manager and others concerned with the operation and maintenance of Hodges Village Dam, Oxford, Mass., by trained operating personnel. Information that is obvious for association with project equipment or available from maintenance manuals is not included. Chapter 1 is the introduction of Part II of the manual and includes miscellaneous items and supplementary information and requirements not included elsewhere.
- b. Maintenance. (1) Inasmuch as mechanical and electrical equipment deteriorates more rapidly from idleness than continued use, all such equipment and facilities require periodic operation at frequent intervals. Periodic operation of equipment permits an inspection of the functioning of all parts so that defective ones may be replaced or repaired before their use is required for project operations. The performance of complete periodic maintenance routines as outlined in later chapters of this manual and in the appropriate maintenance manual for each piece of equipment will insure that the equipment is in proper running order at all times.
- (2) Maintenance standards for the dam and reservoir not specifically covered in this manual will be consistent with objectives set forth in ER 1130-2-400 and the criteria established for recreation facilities in EM 1130-2-312. Facilities will be maintained at a standard that provides adequate protection for the health and safety of the public and shall meet and may exceed the health and sanitation laws of the State, county or city in which the project is located.
- c. Safety. The Project Manager and his assistants shall be familiar with Corps of Engineers Safety Manual "General Safety Requirements" (EM 385-1-1 dated 1 March 1967) and shall comply with all applicable provisions.
- d. Regulation Procedures. The Reservoir Control Center, Engineering Division, is responsible for regulation of flood control reservoirs. These procedures are included in the Thames River Basin Master Manual of Reservoir Regulation under the appendix for Hodges Village Dam.
- e. Supervisory Responsibilities. The Project Manager will, at various times, be supervising from one to several employees. He must make sure that all employees know just what is expected of them and must see that all employees carry out their duties in a workmanlike manner.

The Project Manager will plan all the work for his employees ahead of time and procure all necessary materials and equipment so that when employees get through one job they can be instantly assigned to another job. Work schedules should be set up so that work items can be completed as work conditions allow.

A good supervisor will so plan his work that one job works in well with another.

The work should be scheduled during the year so that the work to be accomplished inside of buildings may be performed in the winter months.

In the summer, the Project Manager will have a list of projects planned, both for outdoor work and indoor work. The rules and instructions set forth in this manual are for assuring that the Project Manager will have the equipment and dam in such condition that it will always be ready for emergency operation.

- f. Leave. The Basin Manager shall be advised in advance whenever the Project Manager will be absent overnight from the dam/or from his home. Extended annual leave will be requested from his Basin Manager. In event of emergency leave, telephone or radio contact shall be made with the Basin Manager. In all instances, the assistant dam operator will be advised the detailed information as to his location and method of contact.
- g. Public Relations. Project Managers should always bear in mind that they are representing the Corps of Engineers, U.S. Army, and that people within a radius of many miles think of them in that capacity. They must be diplomatic and careful in their statements, or they will find that observations lightly or facetiously made, are given disproportionate weight and publicity, very much to their embarrassment and that of the Division.

Project Managers are to be pleasant and courteous in their dealings with the public. They are expected to know, generally, the reasons for the main features of the dam, what purpose they serve and why they were so constructed. Project Managers are not expected to maintain "open house" all the time at the dam to show visitors around. However, if representative groups wish to arrange to inspect the structures, the Project Manager should accompany them. If public officials or visitors having more than a curious interest visit the dam, the Project Manager will conduct them over the project and explain as much as possible the functions of the dam. He should take pride in his job, for it is a responsible one, and in his organization; the result will be public confidence in him, the structure and the organization.

Owners of adjacent property and riparian residents who may be affected by reservoir operations should be treated in a friendly and

tactful manner. Proper questions should be civilly and reasonably answered. We have nothing to hide. Explanations should be made in manner and detail as to preclude misunderstanding and subsequent criticism. Forecasting of river stages or crests or extent of damages shall be avoided. River stage forecasting is the responsibility of the U.S. Weather Service; therefore, particular care must be exercised that comments are not construed to be river stage predictions.

h. Real Estate Outgrant Administration. The Project Manager will forward with his comments any inquiries for outgrants to the Basin Manager. He will monitor all existing outgrants, and report all irregularities to the Basin Manager.

i. Summary of Service Duties

(1) Daily

- (a) Water surface reading from water level recorder.
- (b) Precipitation reading from rain gage.
- (c) Read and record thermometer values.
- (d) Record weather observations on U.S.W.S. Form E-14 and Form 612-14.
- (e) Clean rest and toilet rooms.
- (f) During period of flood flow check operation of all remote recorders and telemarks.

(2) Weekly

- (a) Operate standby unit up to operating temperature to provide power for tests.
- (b) Change weekly pool elevation charts.
- (c) During periods of normal flows, check remote recorders and telemarks.
- (d) Clean gatehouse.

(3) Monthly

- (a) Inspect reservoir area.
- (b) Inspect battery and air filter on standby unit.
- (c) Inspect power and telephone lines.

- (d) Lower service gates to closed position.
- (e) Operate engine-generator unit for two hours.

(4) Every Six Months

- (a) Inspect gatehouse.
- (b) Check all concrete structures.
- (c) Change crankcase oil in standby unit.
- (d) Inspect pipe drains May and November.

(5) Annually

- (a) Check seal of gate.
- (b) Oil bearings and worm gear in floorstand limit switch.
- (c) Check condition of anti-freeze each fall in all diesel and gasoline engines and install new or additional as required.
- (d) Inspect and test life preserver vests.
- (e) Inventory of property.

j. Reports (Exhibit C).

- (1) Daily Log. A daily log or record book will be maintained by the Project Manager. Entries should be made daily and should include notes of all activities outside of normal routine. The entries should be complete and should provide a record of all consequential events concerning the dam and reservoir area, daily 8 a.m. pool and outflow readings.
- (2) Weekly gate operation and pool elevation report NED Form 90.
- (3) Monthly report of maintenance.
- (4) Monthly receiving report for electrical and telephone service.
- (5) Safety report NED 618.
- (6) Monthly climatological report WB Form 612.14.
- (7) Snow course reports as required.

- (8) Flood control observations after each operation for flood control.
- (9) Weekly hydrology report NED Form 477.
- (10) Daily river and rainfall report E-14.
- (11) Project monthly visitation data NED 545.
- (12) Weekly motor vehicle trip ticket NED 614.
- (13) Record of Purchases Monthly NED 236.
- (14) Quarterly fuel consumption report.

With the exception of "Daily Log" the above-listed reports and records are submitted on prepared forms which are self-explanatory.

k. Recommended List of Spare Parts and Firefighting Equipment.

Spare Parts. Each dam should have as a minimum a store of the following spare parts. An expeditious local source of supply of spare parts will suffice in lieu of storage of spare parts at the project.

- (1) Electric Generator Unit.
 - (a) Engine Diesel
 - 1. Fuel pump
 - 2. Two fuel injector nozzles
 - 3. Fan belt
 - 4. Two exhaust valves
 - 5. Four valve springs (four-cycle only)
 - 6. Two intake valves (four-cycle only)
 - 7. Head gasket
 - 8. Complete set of manifold gaskets
 - 9. Fuel filter
 - 10. Oil filter
 - (b) Generator
 - 1. Set of brushes for exciter
 - 2. Set of brushes for generator field
 - 3. Two springs for exciter brushes
 - 4. Two springs for generator field brushes
- (2) Gate Hoists.
 - 1. Two coils for motor starters
 - 2. Six sets of contacts for motor starters

(3) Electrical

- 1. Twelve fuses for every size used on job
- 2. 100 ft. of No. 12-600 volt wire, 2-conductor
- 3. Two rolls rubber tape
- 4. Two rolls friction tape
- 5. Spare floodlight bulbs
- 6. Fuse puller
- (4) Firefighting Equipment. The dam has a portable fire pump and will keep the following standard equipment complement, stored in an easily accessible place, along with the pumper:
 - 1. 10 batteries, flashlight
 - 2. 1 small tool box
 - 3. 1 oil can, squirt
 - 4. 1 five-gallon can, Protectoseal, Underwriters
 Laboratories approved, filled with four gallons
 of regular gasoline
 - 5. 1 pump backpack carrier
 - 6. 2 starting cords
 - 7. 2 flashlights
 - 8. 1 2-in oil funnel
 - 9. 1 screened funnel
 - 10. 50 hose gaskets, 1-1/2"
 - 11. 1 one-pound can of cup grease
 - 12. 1 peen hammer
 - 13. 2 flexible gasoline hoses
 - 14. 2,000 feet of 1-1/2" linen hose
 - 15. 50 feet of 1-1/2" suction hose
 - 16. 2 eight-foot lengths of 1-1/2" suction hose
 - 17. 1 first aid kit, filler only
 - 18. 1 pint oil measure
 - 19. 2 nozzles, 1-1/2" (1 adjustable fog & 1 combination)
 - 20. 6 quarts of oil (outboard motor oil SAE 30) in cans
 - 21. 1 oil can opener
 - 22. 1 galvanized pail
 - 23. I pair of adjustable pliers
 - 24. 2 pounds of rags
 - 25. 1 screwdriver
 - 26. 2 sets of sparkplugs (extra)
 - 27. 1 suction strainer, 1-1/2" (disc type)
 - 28. 1 5-gallon gasoline tank (empty)
 - 29. 2 rolls friction tape
 - 30. 1 check and bleeder automatic valve

- 31. 1 pressure relief valve (this may be in combination with the automatic check valve)
- 32. 2 bleeder valves
- 33. 1 Siamese valve
- 34. 2 Wescott type wrenches
- 35. 1 set of ignition wrenches
- 36. 1 pump wrench
- 37. 1 sparkplug wrench
- 38. 2 spanner wrenches

(6) All other spare parts recommended by manufacturers manuals.

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m. Equipment and Drawing Files. This manual does not include operating and maintenance instructions and other maintenance information which are covered or included in the equipment and drawing files of the project manager. These files include operating manuals, design memorandum, shop drawings of equipment, catalog cut and maintenance instructions, and other supplementary information. The items on file are as follows:

Emergency Generator

O & M Manual, Catalog # HD-277

Limitorque Electric Gates
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Brush Chipper O & M Manual, Catalog # 402791

Rubber Tired Tractor Loader O & M Manual and Parts List

CHAPTER 2 - DAM AND DIKES

- a. Slopes and Gutters. (1) Slopes (Cover Rock, Gravel, Grass). The slopes of the dam, including those protected by rock or gravel, must be carefully watched for settlement or erosion. Slopes shall be kept free of debris; rock and gravel slopes shall be kept free of vegetation.
- (2) Burrowing animals constitute a hazard to any embankment. Although there is little probability of rodent holes beneath a rock fill which is bedded on gravel, the project manager should watch for rodents around the slopes and destroy them by poison and traps. Gravel slopes shall be maintained in a smooth even plane.
- (3) Protection Stone. Protection stone of all types shall be kept free from debris and vegetation; dislodged stones must be promptly replaced.
- (4) Grassed Slopes. Periodic inspections shall be made of all grassed slopes and other grassed areas to note subsidences, slides, erosions, etc. Corrective action in the form of drains, pervious blankets, etc., will be directed by the Operations Division when the faileres or incipient failures are of substantial magnitude. All grassed areas shall be moved at least once a year. On many areas it will be necessary to mow two or more times a year to keep up the appearance and discourage the growth of weeds. When necessary to reestablish turf, the seeding operations will start at the earliest practicable date in the spring or fall to obtain the greatest possible protection against erosion. Areas requiring seeding shall be dressed to proper grade, and irregularities in the surface removed. The surface should then be raked or harrowed parallel to the contour of the slope (never up and down) to a depth of three-quarters of an inch. Debris shall always be removed promptly; deposits of debris are unsightly, detrimental to the growth of grass and encourage the nesting of rats and other burrowing animals.
- (5) Gutters. These shall be kept in effective condition with displaced rock promptly replaced. Principal hazard is from erosion at edges, caused by flows beyond the capacity of the gutter or by blockage. Failure is progressive and rapid.
- (6) Observations shall be made for potentials for major rock falls or slides in spillway and outlet works where blockage may result. Report such potential falls promptly to Operations Division and Basin Manager.
- (7) Embankments and Fills. Visual observation by employees working on or near embankment fills for erosion, slides, settlement, springs, boils and other unusual conditions. Close inspection yearly of embankments

and fills to detect leaks, settlement, excessive erosion, and slides. The embankment and fills should be maintained to original grade and alignment. Repair depressions or washouts that might tend to weaken the embankment or fill.

- b. Interceptor Pipe Drains. Pipe drains were installed along Howarth Road and adjoining gravel access road in 1958 with outfalls to grade. In general, the drains were constructed in straight runs between manholes or observation risers. The underdrains shall be inspected at least once a year to determine if sections are crushed or are partially or fully filled. Our inspection method is by placing a light at the end of a run in a observation riser or manhole and detecting the condition or run by placing a sloping mirror (inverted periscope) in adjacent manhole, observation riser or outfall. In addition risers and drain manholes shall be inspected as stated below. Report any indication of filling or obstruction to Basin Manager.
- c. Observation Riser and Piezometer Tubes. (1) Observation Riser. Inspect and test in accordance with schedule and instructions established.
- (2) Piezometer Tubes. Check annually for deterioration of paint and pipes. Touch-up and repaint as necessary. Replace pipe sections as necessary.
- d. Inspection During Floods. (1) The behavior of the dam during floods is of vital importance and interest. Periods of storage are the times of danger and, if weaknesses develop, it is essential that they be noted and prompt corrective action taken. The project manager must recognize that a condition which is of minor importance with a relatively low head may assume serious proportions with increasing pool levels, and he must be constantly alert to note and report even minor failures or changes in the conditions of the embankment. Results of a single careful inspection of the embankment during a flood can be more significant and valuable than a great number of equally careful inspections when the embankment is not impounding water.
- (2) When the reservoir is filling or is storing water, the project manager will inspect the exposed faces of the dam and dikes with particular attention to the downstream face, the dam abutments and the area adjacent to downstream face of dam for "springs", sand boils, subsidences, sloughing of embankment or abutments, or other indication of leakage through, around or under the dam. Any evidence of increased flow from new "springs" or the movement of soil particles shall be immediately reported.
- (3) When the reservoir is being drawn down, the project manager will inspect the exposed faces of the dam. with particular attention to the upstream face of dams and dikes, and the dam abutments and the area adjacent to

downstream face of dam and dikes for slides or indications of incipient slides. The project manager will also observe if there are any slides or sloughing of bank in reservoir area. On the dam proper, the guard rails on top of the dam, if well aligned, will provide a means to detect lateral movement of the dam top that may precede a slide. Any evidence of slides or incipient slides shall be reported immediately.

(4) During the first filling of the reservoir, and each time the reservoir is filled to a higher level than previously experienced, inspection of the downstream faces of dam and dikes shall be particularly deteiled and conducted at least twice daily during storage and at least three times weekly during drawdown until two weeks after completion of drawdown. During subsequent filling, storage and drawdown periods, inspections of the embankments may be conducted less frequently, but when above El. 485, never less than once a day during filling and storage and during drawdown.

CHAPTER 3 - INTAKE AND OUTLET WORKS, RETAINING WALLS, BUILDINGS, BRIDGE, AND SPILIWAY

- a. Concrete and Masonry and Exterior Surfaces General. (1) Visual inspection by employees working on or near the dam to detect cracks, leaks, collection of ice or heaving of slabs; movement and misalignment of walls, debris formation, displacements, offsets at joints or other irregularities. A close and more complete inspection to detect cracks, leaks, spalling, and deterioration of concrete or masonry will be made semi-annually. Normally, concrete and masonry structures required only limited maintenance; however, when failures occur, report conditions to Basin Manager so that timely repairs can be made by others in order to prevent serious damage requiring replacement or costly repairs.
- (2) Expansion Joints. Visually inspect annually for signs of leaks, defective joint material or faulty water stops. Clean joints and fill with filler as required. Report required repairs as necessary.
- (3) Concrete. The concrete structures shall be carefully inspected at intervals of six months and after each major filling operation. The inspection shall include a survey of the general conditions of the concrete surfaces, noting location and extent of cracks, crazing and spalling, and other type of deterioration or disintegration that may have developed, the accumulation of debris, and other unusual conditions. Surfaces adjacent to cracks shall be inspected for differential movement; similar inspections shall be made of construction and expansion joints. Any point or points of leakage will be noted and the condition of all water passages inspected for evidence of erosion or cavitation. The exposed portion of embedded items and the concrete All drain holes adjacent thereto shall be carefully inspected. shall be cleaned. Any condition requiring or suspected to require corrective action shall be brought to the attention of the Operations Division immediately. The inspection shall be made a matter of record with report submitted to Operations Division, including a sketch showing the location and nature of the defects. All accumulated debris shall be removed at spillway, outlet structure, channels, etc.
- (4) Exterior Surfaces. Visually inspect all surfaces annually (except as otherwise stated) to discover cracks, damaged finishes, broken block or brick, faulty joints, missing, warped, or defective siding; check around all openings for cracks and leaks; check metal siding for loose nails, defective siding; check around all openings for cracks and leaks; check metal siding for loose nails, defective gaskets or fastenings. It should be noted that exterior surfaces of intake structure will be made semi-annually. Project Manager shall repair and replace damaged surfaces to the extent of his ability; report conditions not considered repairable by dam operator to the Basin Manager.

- b. Retaining Walls. (1) In cases where the slopes are confined by a retaining wall, the wall shall be normally inspected every two years except inspection shall be made daily when the pool level is equal to half the height of the dam. Any movement cracks or seepages through or around the wall must be noted and promptly reported.
- (2) Irregularities such as stress cracks, settlement, tilting, erosion along top of wall, clogged weep holes, deterioration of wall material, displacement, and undercutting of foundation. Provide good drainage to prevent erosion and scouring at the base and top. Keep weep holes open.
- c. Trash Racks. When the flow through the trash racks is at a minimum, trash racks shall be inspected and painted as required. All debris collecting at the racks shall be removed after each operation involving storage of water by removing them from the intake channel by boat or otherwise.
- d. Log Booms. The log booms will be inspected monthly for broken logs or evidence of rot near holes that contain the ends of the boom chains, and for damaged cables or chains. When operating during large inflows into the reservoir or when ice is in the river, the log boom will be under stress and must be at full strength at all times. Logs not floating will be placed on concrete blocks to keep them off the ground. Spare boom logs shall be available and shall be stored off the ground. All debris collecting behind log booms shall be removed during inspection and especially after large inflows into the reservoir.
- e. Tile and Gages. Clean the tile gages regularly to facilitate reading. When cleaning the gages, check for cracking, spalling, or abrasion, and insure that gages are securely in place.
- f. Buildings. (1) Roofing and flashing. Close inspection shall be performed semi-annually to detect leaks, loose or missing shingles, blisters, weathered built-up roofing, displacement of gravel, damaged ridge or valley coverings; particularly check plastic flashings at vents, and vertical intersections of roof; check metal flashings and counter flashings for loose seams rusting or galvanic action. Following heavy rains or severe storms check roofing and flashings for leaks, missing or damaged shingles or other damage.

The secret of trouble-free low-cost maintenance is a regular resaturation of the membranes or plies of felt while it is still sound. Gravel or slag surfaced roofs need only spot resaturation where the membrane has become exposed, replacing gravel over the resaturated area. Open up large blisters and repair to protect underlying plies. Keep roof drains open and roof well drained. Indication of water under membrane should be thoroughly investigated to locate the source and repair immediately. Investigate all cracks or other defects and if more than a single ply is affected, repairs should be made promptly.

- (2) Floors. Examine annually floors (concrete) for cracks, settlement scaling, dusting, pitting and deterioration; (wood) buckling, splintering, loose boards, sagging, loose or missing covering materials; asphalt, quarry, ceramic and vinyl tile floors for condition.
- (3) Railings and Metal Work. (a) All metal work on equipment grating, railings, ladders, etc., shall be kept neatly painted. Windows shall be kept well flashed. Front entrance doors shall be examined, particularly on the top, for holes. The metal doors shall be completely sealed to prevent the entrance of moisture which would corrode the door from the inside. All holes shall be promptly sealed. Changes in color shall not be made without prior approval.
- (b) Examine supports, treads, railings, grating, anchors and bolts for rust, deterioration and rigidity every two years.
- (c) In order to assure that maintenance is adequate and timely, performance of the following is essential:

Tighten all loose bolts and anchorage items.

Repair all broken welds and defective members.

Replace worn or slippery treads.

Keep all stairways, landings and catwalks cleaned of debris, free of obstructions, grease, and oil and keep hand railing rigid and well secured to base.

Replace broken catch basin and manhole covers promptly.

- (4) Windows, Doors, and Screens. Once each year, check weather stripping, calking around framing, stops, door closers, locks, latches, screens, glazing, hinges and stiles. Following heavy rains or severe storm make an inspection to determine extent of damage to windows and doors. Replace broken glass promptly.
- (5) Wood Framing and Sheathing. Every two years, check for dry rot, loose or missing boards or shingles, warped, checking, settlement, leaks, or other irregularities. Make close inspection of floor joists sills and beams for termite damage.

Maintain sufficient ventilation under floor areas to dispel moisture and undesirable odors. Replace or reinforce defective material and treat for termites as necessary.

(6) Gutters and Downspouts. Inspect condition, every two years, of fixed and slip joints, check gutter hangers and spacers for adequacy, tightness, alignment, rust deterioration, clogged strainers or downspouts, leaves or debris.

- (7) Interior Walls and Ceilings. Close inspection every two years to detect cracks in plaster, water stains, deteriorated plaster, broken or damaged tile, mildew, broken or damaged wall board or paneling, disfiguration or other damage.
- (8) Insect Control. Insects shall be disposed of by periodic spraying and/or treatment.
- (9) Stairways, Wood. Check condition every two years of treads, handrails, and anchorage for wear, deterioration and safety conditions.
- g. Bridge. Bridge will be inspected periodically by Engineering Personnel to determine the condition of the bridge and to note evidences of damage or incipient failure.
- h. Stop Log Structure. Water level must be equal on both sides of stop log structures to perform any maintenance, such as removal and replacement.

CHAPTER 4 - UTILITIES

a. Water Supply and Sewer Systems. (1) Observe component of each system weekly for good condition and proper operation in connection with water wells, distribution lines, treatment facilities, etc.

Every year the above systems shall be closely inspected for good condition and proper operations. Drain and clean systems thoroughly, as applicable, to insure satisfactory operation. All pneumatic and gravity storage tanks come under the above requirement.

- (2) Potable Water Tests. All water treated by the Project Manager shall be tested semi-annually for chlorine content. Send sample of water for analysis as required by State or local authority. Where there are no local or State requirements, water shall be analyzed at least semi-annually.
- (3) Piping. When in the area of piping, observe for indications of leaks. Where possible examine systems for leaks, excessive corrosion or other damage annually. Inspect pipe covering or coating where provided. Repair or replace piping, covering or coating as needed to maintain good condition. Clean piping system as necessary. Check piping system identifying markers, clean and replace as required.
- (4) Valves. When in the area of valves, observe for indications of excessively leaking valve stem, flanges or connections. Inspect valves for leaks and general condition annually. Renew packing if needed. Reseat or replace valve and tighten connections as required. Be sure valve is left in normal operating position.
- (5) Plumbing systems. Check annually plumbing fixtures and exposed pipe and pipe covering for leaks, malfunctioning and damage. Check relief valves of hot water tanks.
- (6) Sewer systems. Inspect annually grease traps, fixture traps, discharge lines, septic tanks and leaching fields for proper functioning and leaks. Clean septic tanks every 2-3 years or earlier as required.
- (7) Water well. Check top of casing semi-annually for damage which will permit surface water to enter; check hand-type pumps for damage or malfunction; drain before freezing weather.

Water from wells or other sources provided for human consumption shall meet State and local requirements. Water tests will be made as required by the State health agency and in a manner approved by that agency. Contaminated wells will be closed to public use. Well will be capped and maintained in a manner to preclude contamination from surface run-off.

- b. Heating and Ventilating. (1) General. Observe for proper operation.
- (2) Duct Systems. Check duct system for general over-all condition once a year. Tighten loose connections and supports as needed. On systems using oil-type air filters be sure that oil vapor is not being carried over into duct system. Clean system as required to maintain good condition.
- (3) Louvers and Dampers. Observe louvers and dampers for proper functioning and good condition. Adjust, repair and clean annually or as necessary for good operation.
- (4) Air filters. Observe air filters bi-monthly for good condition and proper operation. Replace dirty filters.
- (5) Heating and Ventilating Fans. Observe belt drives semi-annually for condition and satisfactory operation. Repair and clean fans as necessary to maintain good operating condition.
- (6) Plenum chambers. Observe condition of plenum chambers. Inspect doors for good seals and latches. Repair, adjust and clean as needed.
- (7) Heating and Ventilating Controls. Examine all thermostats, step controllers, contactors, etc. annually to determine items are in good condition and operating satisfactorily. Adjust or repair as needed to provide proper operation.
- (8) Heating System (Gate Tower). Prior to the heating season, preverably during summer months, the unit heater shall have a complete check-up and cleaning by a qualified oil burner service company. This shall include a complete cleaning of the furnace and oil burner. The oil burner shall be adjusted for proper combustion, electrode setting checked, firing rate and nozzle angle noted, draft regulation adjusted for proper draft over the fire and at the breeching, condition of the combustion chamber noted, stack, fan and limit switches checked, fuel oil filter cleaned or replaced. A complete combustion and efficiency test shall be performed and all data recorded for record. Combustion Test Data Sheet shall be used. Check and oil forced-air-fan and motor. Clean fan blades as needed. Check fan belt tension, tighten same and/or replace same if necessary. Clean or replace air filters as necessary. Check thermostat for satisfactory operation and general condition. Inspect chimney flue, clean out debris as necessary.

- (9) Boilers, Steam and Hot Water. At the end of the heating season, drain and flush boiler and refill. Prior to the heating season, preferably during the summer months, the heating unit shall have a check-up and cleaning by a qualified oil burner service company. This shall include a complete cleaning of the boiler and oil burner. The oil burner shall be adjusted for proper combustion, electrode setting checked, firing rate and nozzle angle noted, draft regulation adjusted for proper draft over the fire and at the breeching, condition of the combustion chamber noted, stack, pressure and high limit operating controls checked, fuel oil filter cleaned or replaced. A complete combustion and efficiency test shall be performed and all data recorded for record. Combustion Test Data Sheet shall be used. Check condensate pump and control. Check hot water circulator pump and circulator control. Check hot water circulator pump and oil as required. Check thermostat for satisfactory operation and general condition. Inspect chimney flue; clean out debris as necessary.
- c. Telephone and Radio Equipment. (1) Exterior Telephone Equipment. Observe condition of poles, insulators, pins, hardware, cable messengers, telephone cables and wires, terminal boxes, protectors, etc. Report insatisfactory condition to Utility Company.
- (2) Radio Equipment. During normal project use, observe that equipment is functioning properly. Check condition of antenna and report any required repairs as necessary. Observe conditions of lead-in conductors; report any damage as necessary. See that components of both emergency generator and normal power supply are in good condition. Check condition of remote units, recorders, tone relays, telemarks, etc. for good condition.

CHAPTER 5 - ROADS, GROUNDS AND RECREATION AREAS

- a. Roads, Parking Areas, Trails and Walks. (1) Continuous visual inspection for irregularities such as slides, settlement, rutting, potholes, washouts, pumping; damage to signs, guard rails, abutments, retaining walls, culverts and other hazardous conditions. Hazardous conditions shall be corrected immediately. During of following heavy rains or storms, inspect for flooding, washouts, settlement, slides, fallen trees and other obstructions.
- (2) Pavements. Visually inspect all pavements annually to determine the need for repairs to expansion joints, cracked or broken sections, settlement due to failure of subbase or subgrade material, drainage or subgrade, scaling, spalling, abrasions, raveling at edges of flexible pavements, potholes, rutting, shoving, bleeding, weathering surface drainage, wash boarding, and excessive amounts of dust. Perform all seasonal maintenance operations, to extent of available equipment and personnel, such as cold patch repairs, crack and joint filling, etc., at the proper time and according to the best practices in the area for maximum benefits. Roads will be resurfaced and/or sealed with the type of surface originally constructed; Operations Division to be notified through Basin Manager of pavements requiring reconstruction, repair or sealing.
- (3) Shoulders and Roadside. Inspect annually all shoulders and roadside for drop-offs from pavements, rutting at pavement edge, proper slope for drainage, proper width, stability, slides, gullying, and obstruction to vision. Shoulders must be maintained with a smooth surface flush with adjoining pavement and to correct slope, width, and section. Keep shoulders and roadside clear of tall weeds and brush. Preserve and plant grass where it assists in preventing soil erosion. Sod, shrubs, or plant vines when grass seed will not grow on eroding slopes.
- (4) Walks, Roads and Parking Areas. All gravel and dirt access roads and parking areas in the dam and recreation areas will be maintained in good condition and repair throughout the season. Calcium chloride or other dust retarding agents will be used when prolonged dry weather creates a safety hazard. Bumpers of concrete, stone or wood will be provided in and around the outer edges of parking areas for uniform alignment of and to exclude vehicles from blocking emergency exits or trespassing on grassed areas. Rules and regulations are to be conspicuously posted off parking areas.
- (5) Paths and Trails. Throughout the recreation area and reservoir continuing inspection shall determine the brush and trees which have to be removed. This is especially true after flood water impoundment, Low hanging limbs and side brush must be removed. At projects where trails are used during winter months, trail signs and small stream crossings should be inspected regularly.

- <u>b.</u> Traffic Services and Signs. (1) Traffic Services. Inspect traffic services annually for legibility, damage, obstruction from view, signs and markers conforming to highway standards as to size and shape; automatic devices operating properly; guard rails, snow fences, and traffic control devices in good repair; road hazards properly marked by signs, lights, or devices and at proper distances from hazard; detours properly marked; traffic lanes plainly and properly marked.
- (2) Signs. All rustic directional, warning and project identification signs in recreation areas shall be taken down at the close of the season, stained, lettering repainted, and insignia replaced if required. These signs will be stored under cover. The formula for the stain shall be 1 part burnt umber coloring, 2 parts turpentine and 10 parts boiled linseed oil. Standard highway type metal signs shall be removed and stored also. Replacements and additional signs or posts will be ordered before commencement of the recreation season through the Basin Manager. All wood sign posts in place are to be given a coat of stain, if weathered, before attaching signs. Permanent signs shall be repainted as required.
 - c. Drainage. Inspect semi-annually for adequacy of drainage systems; stoppage or catch basins, culverts, gutters, ditches, under drains; undermining of headwalls, foundations, road shoulders, abutments; ponding, gullying, and clogged drainage pipe. Existing drainage structures such as catch basins, manholes, ditches, gutters, drainage pipe, and flumes must be cleaned periodically in order that they may be kept free of debris and perform their designed function. As a minimum program, a complete inspection is made in the fall in preparation for the winter season and another in the spring, to determine extent of repairs required. Priority for accomplishing drainage maintenance shall be in accordance with established priorities.
 - d. Guard Rails and Fences. (1) Metal posts and rails and treated wood posts will be painted all white. Creosoted wood posts will be stained. Decayed wood posts should be replaced and wire cable kept at the proper tension. Steel guard rail posts and rails shall be replaced when unserviceable and painted when required. Wood and metal guard rail and posts shall also be checked frequently and stained or painted when weathering is observed.
 - (2) Fences. Inspect annually to determine the need for repairs to gates, locks, and fencing. Fences and accessories shall be maintained to provide the maximum security for which they were designed. Repair all breaks as soon as they are discovered, replace unserviceable gate locks, promptly. To maintain harmony with adjacent areas subject to public scrutiny, painting may be desirable.
 - (3) Chain link fencing will generally not require painting. If required due to excessive rusting, etc., the Basin Manager should be notified.

- e. Grounds. (1) General. Visual inspection for loss or damage to vegetation, need for mowing, insect control, ponding, flooding, erosion, clogged or overgrown streams or drainage system, damaged fences, gates, trees, shrubs and vines.
- (2) Inproved Grounds. Close inspection annually by experienced personnel for soil deficiencies, damaged trees, shrubs, erosion, and vegetation; need for topsoiling, reseeding, sodding; weed, dust, and insect control; pruning, trimming, planting, and mulching. During or following storms, heavy rainfall, or drought make an inspection for flooding, downed trees, damaged trees, shrubs, vegetation and need for repairs. Improved grounds generally consist of lawns in vicinity of operators quarters and other buildings, all landscaped areas, and recreational areas and should be maintained in keeping with the use and intensity of such use.
- a. Grassed areas, under normal conditions, should be moved during the active growing season to a height of 1-1/2 to 2 inches. Mowing should be not more frequent than necessary to prevent the grass exceeding a height of 3 to 5 inches. Reseeding, weed control, fertilizing, and irrigating should be performed only when the appearance of the grass indicates a need for such treatment.
- b. Shrubbery should be trimmed in accordance with the requirements of the species and as needed to present a suitable appearance.
- c. Shade and ornamental trees. To avoid frequent repruning, anticipate tree growth for two to three years and prune accordingly. Remove dead or broken branches or those that extend over buildings and shape to present a suitable appearance.
- (3) Semi-improved Grounds. Inspect annually to determine the need for mowing, burning, reseeding, sodding, trimming, pruning, removal of brush and flammable vegetation for under and around wood structures, erosion and dust control; clearing of streams and drainage ditches, and application of fertilizers. Semi-improved grounds consist of roadsides, shoulders, open areas adjacent to lawns and similar areas and which require less attention than do improved grounds. These areas should be moved with tractor-operated equipment to a height of 2 inches or more when the grass reaches a height of 5 to 7 inches or when excessive uneven growth of grass or weeds becomes unsightly. Reseeding and fertilizing is limited to kind and rate necessary to sustain vegetative cover for the control of erosion by wind and water. Drainage ditches, gutters, and channels should be cleaned of wooded plants, vegetation and other matter that restricts flow, at least once a year.
- (4) Unimproved Grounds. Inspect annually to determine the need for erosion and dust control; clearing fire lanes, power and communication lines right-of-way moving of flammable vegetation. Unimproved grounds are areas that do not fall within categories above and

require only minimum maintenance. Clear firebreaks and clean under and around wood structures, yearly. Anticipate tree growth for two to three years and remove branches overhanging buildings, roads, power and communication lines accordingly.

- f. Sanitary Facilities and Comfort Stations. Roof, exterior and interior are to be inspected regularly for deterioration and signs of vandalism. Major repairs and painting should be scheduled during periods when usage is at a minimum. All doors shall be checked to ascertain that they operate properly and that latches are in good working condition. Facilities will be kept scrupulously clean and all necessary accessories provided the visiting public. Fixtures in latrines and comfort station shall be cleaned daily and odor suppressants added to pit latrine when required. All holding vaults or tanks should have solids removed and be properly flushed by a contractor specializing in septic tank service. It is mandatory that pit latrines, holding tanks or vaults be cleaned or pumped out at the end of each recreation season.
 - g. Picnic Facilities. Picnic tables require periodic cleaning by washing with a detergent. Tables shall be treated to combat grease and similar type stains. Unserviceable table tops or seats shall be replaced. Wood tables not anchored will be placed on end during the winter months. Brush and debris shall be removed on a regular basis. Grilles, barbecues, and fireplaces shall be maintained in safe condition and shall be repaired when deterioration is evident. Units beyond repair are to be replaced. In dry season precautions will be taken to cope with fire hazard. Hazardous trees will be trimmed or removed. Aeration of soil should be accomplished in areas where ground has become compacted to a degree that is injurious to trees. Herbicides will be applied as necessary to control noxious plants such as poison oak or ivy. Picnic areas will be maintained in a clean and sanitary condition.
 - h. Refuse Collection. (1) Visual inspection weekly during the active season to determine the police of area, frequency of collection, and condition of containers. Inspect area following severe storms or flooding to determine extent of damage, loss of containers, or existence of any health or safety hazards.
 - (2) Trash containers will require emptying and cleaning as frequently as the visitation load dictates. Paint containers inside and out as required and the letters PLEASE stenciled on, using white paint. During the off season, the barrels are to be inverted when stored outdoors.

- i. Insect and Rodent Control. Visual inspection to detect breeding places where treatment will be most effective, such as ponds, swamps, and thick tall vegetation. The nature and degree of insect and rodent control will be sufficient to meet requirements of State and/or local health agencies. The extent and intensity of larviciding will be frequent enough to maintain a level of Anopheles quadrimaculatus below the level determined acceptable by the State health agency. Drift should be piled or otherwise disposed of following draw-downs for more effective mosquito control areas. Intense public use may require spraying to control insects in picnic areas. The application of chemicals will be confined to refuse collection points and around toilets but not on picnic tables where food could be contaminated. Poison to control rodents will be used in a manner that will not permit harm to public.
- j. Snow Removal. During winter months all access roads designated by project manager shall be kept plowed and sanded. Provide stakes where necessary (in full) to outline limits of roadways and parking areas to avoid damage to areas and structures beyond limits of pavement.
- k. Removal of Dead and Down Timber. The reservoir area, particularly in the lower levels, will be kept cleared of all down and dead timber. This may be disposed of by chipping the slash and the timber which is of no value; it may be cut into four-foot lengths and used by the project manager or, if any merchantable or salable quantities are available, it will be sold by the Supply Division of the Division Office. Chips may be spread as a mulch on slopes above spillway level.
- l. Cutting of Wood by Others. All standing timber in the reservoir area, as well as other natural resources, is Government Property. Therefore, the project manager is not authorized to permit any person or persons to cut and/or remove any standing timber from the reservoir area or to countenance such removal. Persons desiring to cut wood should be advised to write to the Division Engineer, furnishing details of his proposal, including the information on the size, species, quantity, location, etc., together with an offer.
- m. Recreational Facilities Management. It should be noted that a large portion of the recreational facilities at the dam and reservoir are operated by the Town of Oxford under License No. DA-19-016-CIVENG-64-145 and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Division of Fisheries and Game under License No. DA-19-016-CIVENG-65-173. The Project Manager shall inspect all Government-provided facilities, at least once a year to ascertain whether the facilities outlined in this chapter are being properly maintained.

CHAPTER 6 - ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL EQUIPMENT

- a. Gates. (1) Electrical Controlled Slide.
- (a) Weekly. When and as conditions allow, each gate shall be tested for satisfactory operation.
- (b) Quarterly. Thoroughly lubricate gates and hoists. Lubricate as required.
- (c) Annually. Check each gate when fully closed for leakage and proper sealing. During operation of the gate hoists, check bearings, wear on gear teeth. Check limit switch contacts for cleanliness, pitting and corrosion. Check the closing limit switches setting. All rusted metal on the gates shall be thoroughly wire-brushed and spot painted.
- (d) Annually. Operate each gate manually for a distance of at least one foot in each direction.
- (2) Motor Operated Floor Stand Operations. Annually. Floor stand operator motors shall be oiled once each year, or more often if required by the manufacturer's recommendations. The end bearings and the worm in the limit switches shall be oiled with a few drops of S.A.E. 20-W oil.
- (3) Safety Devices. (a) Annually. Inspect to see that all safety devices are in service and in a safe and proper operating condition. Project Manager shall prepare a list of all items required to be inspected—this information is available from operating manuals. Repair or replace worn, broken or unsafe operating equipment as necessary.
- (b) Semi-Annually. Hoists used at infrequent and varying intervals shall have a good visual inspection of all safety devices thereon and all devices found unsafe or defective put into a safe and proper operating condition before using the equipment.
- (4) Operational Tests. Weekly. All hoist equipment will be operated a sufficient length of time to determine that the equipment is in a safe and satisfactory working condition and ready for service.
- (5) Shafts, Couplings and Bearings. (a) Annually. Visually inspect shafts, couplings and bearings for indications of excessive wear. Lubricate according to manufacturer's recommendations.
- (b) Two Years. Examine shafts and couplings for indication of misalignment. Adjust, repair and lubricate as needed. Flexible couplings shall be repacked with grease according to manufacturer's recommendations. Adjust or replace bearings if clearances are excessive.

- (6) Gears and Gear Boxes. Two Years. For open gears, observe and for enclosed gears, listen for indications of broken or excessively worn teeth, misalignment or improper meshing. Check gear box shaft packing and joints for leakage. Make necessary repairs and adjustments to assure proper operation. Lubricate according to manufacturer's recommendations.
- b. Generators and Motors. (1) Generator and Motor Foundations, Bases or Supports. When making an operational tour, observe for any unusual conditions. For generators, integral horsepower motors and engines, inspect for cracks or other damage. Inspect anchor bolts for indications of looseness. Observe for signs of loosening or damage to dowel pins (if provided). Tighten or repair as necessary.
- (2) Standby-Units. Operational. (a) Weekly. The standby unit shall be operated for a period of 1 hour each week to bring engine to operating temperature. Before and after each weekly run, the level of the water in the radiator and the oil in the crankcase shall be checked. After each run, the exhause piping shall be drained of condensate. The weekly testing of equipment shall be done while the standby unit is being operated, with the standby unit furnishing all the energy. Before, during and after, the weekly test operation, operation data will be recorded on Standby Electric Generator Unit Location Form. Any malfunction of the unit shall be repaired if possible by the Project Manager, and reported to the Basin Manager if it can not be repaired. The crankcase oil shall be changed every 100 hours of operation or every six months, whichever is sooner and when the oil is at operating temperature so that complete drainage will result. Replace the oil filter element every other oil change.
- (b) Monthly. Once a month a standby unit operational run shall be extended to 2 hours. Carefully inspect the storage battery, air cleaner, oil filter, fuel pump and service according to instructions furnished by the engine manufacturer. Operational data will be recorded on Standby Electric Generator Location Form.
- (c) Monthly. Operational Test. Inspect commutator, collector rings and brushes for satisfactory operation. Observe brushes to determine if replacement is required. Inspect condition of commutator and collector rings, polish if grooved or rough. Commutators and collector rings with a good surface and polish should not be disturbed. Wipe commutator and collector rings with canvas.
- (d) Antifreeze no longer requires draining at the end of each cold weather season; it may be retained in the cooling system for an extended period dependent on the outcome of a hydrometer test accomplished during performance of scheduled Preventative Maintenance Service on the engine.

- (e) Annually. Clean the slip rings and commutator and blow out same with dry compressed air.
- (f) Brush Rigging. Annually. Inspect the brush rigging and tighten bolts, screws and connections. Check brush spring tension and brush fit. Replace brushes as necessary.
- (3) Motors, Fractional Horsepower. Fractional horsepower motors will be given periodic visual inspection as scheduled by the Project Manager. Attachment bolts or screws tightened. Motors lubricated in accordance with project lubricating schedule. Clean external surfaces, check motor couplings, pulleys and belts, tighten or replace as required.
- c. Electrical Equipment. (1) Primary Equipment. No attempt at maintenance of the primary equipment, including transformers shall be made by operating personnel. A visual inspection shall be made and any maintenance or repairs required shall be reported to the Utility Company and the Basin Kanager.
- (2) All maintenance in connection with the following items will be performed by personnel from Operations Division.
- (a) Switchboard Wiring and Generator. Annually. Check switchboard, secondary wiring and generator cables. Check all lugs and connections for tightness. Check ground connections for continuity. Perform insulation tests on all circuits, motors and generator windings.
- (b) Knife Switches. 2 Years. Examine for evidence of heating; see that hinges and contacts are in order and that interlocks, if provided, are in good condition. Repair or replace as needed.
- (c) Motor Starters. 2 Years. Examine starters for condition. Repair and replace parts necessary to place starter in good operating condition. Check auxiliary contacts and interlocks for proper operation. Check motor control devices for satisfactory operation.
- (d) Control Cables (Including single conductor control wiring). Examine monthly exposed sections of cables for signs of overheating, corrosion or other damage to insulation or sheath, supports, and terminations.
- (3) Storage Batteries. Monthly. Check for leaking battery cases. Check and record specific gravity of all cells. (Note condition of hydrometer, replace if required). Clean corrosion products from intercell connectors and terminals. Add distilled water as needed. Coat connections with a film of battery terminal grease. Follow battery manufacturer's instructions for giving batteries an equalizing charge.

- (4) Lighting (as required). (a) Replace burned out lamps. Replace flashing fluorescent lamps as soon as possible. Continuous flashing may damage the ballasts.
 - (b) Replace broken parts.
 - (c) Clean reflectors and lenses.
 - (d) Replace defective switches.
 - (5) Switchboard and Panels (Annually).
- (a) Check all fuses. Keep spare fuses on hand. Locate and correct source of trouble before replacing fuses. Use proper rated fuse. A higher rated fuse will not protect circuit. Do not insert fuse on live circuit because it may are and cause a poor contact and blow fuse. Make sure fuses are tight with good contact.
 - (b) Check breakers for operation.
 - (c) All connections should be tight. Check all bolts, screws and clamp and tighten if loose.
 - (6) Readings (Semi-Annually).
 - (a) Check voltage. Voltage that is too high or too low will affect the life, efficiency and economy of equipment.
 - (b) Check motor currents observed with nameplate ratings.
 - (c) Check frequency.
 - (d) Meggar all feeders and circuits (by Personnel from Operations Division).
 - (e) Meggar all generator and motor windings (by Personnel from Operations Division).
 - (7) Interlocks (Annually).
 - (a) Check interlocks for proper operation.
 - (b) Check padlocks and locks on electrical enclosures.
 - (8) Rubber Mat. Maintain a clean rubber mat in Front of switchboard.

- (9) Lightning Protection (Annually).
 - (a) Check continuity of ground wires.
 - (b) Check flagpole ground.
 - (c) Check arrester grounds.
 - (d) Check antenna mast ground.
 - (e) Check switchboard ground.
- (f) Ground wires exposed to mechanical injury should be protected by conduit.
 - (10) Receptacles (Annually).
 - (a) Replace defective units.
 - (b) Check ground continuity on grounding type.
 - (11) Portable Cords.

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- (a) Arrange cords so that electrical connection bears no mechanical strain.
- (b) Protect all lamps used with an extension cord with a lamp guard.
 - (c) Check insulation and plugs.
 - (12) Wiring.
 - (a) Check for proper support.
- (b) Check insulation for deterioration caused by age, abrasion, moisture, oil, heat or other causes.
- (13) Neutral. Check neutral ground on supply. This ground is usually connected to a metallic water piping system on the street side of any meter which could interrupt the continuity of the metallic circuit to ground. Check connections for tightness.
- d. Sumps and Sump Pumps. Check area drains into sumps, floats, switches and motors for proper operation quarterly. Repair pumps and accessories as conditions or performance indicate. Clean area drains, drainage system, and sumps as necessary.

CHAPTER 7 - FIRE PREVENTION

- a. General. All fire fighting equipment must be kept in instant readiness for operation at all times. At least four fire rakes will be kept in a place readily accessible.
- (1) During times when there is a danger of forest fires, the Project Manager shall be on the alert for fires in the reservoir. He shall be familiar with all sources of water in the reservoir area and during the dry season shall have up-to-date information as to the availability of water. In areas distant from the river, water holes in low areas will be developed to provide a supply. Existing water holes shall be kept well cleaned out. A substantial fence shall be kept around all water holes for purposes of safety.
- (2) The dam is provided with a portable fire pump with a complement of accessories and 1-1/2" hose. Observe pump and associated equipment weekly for general condition. This pump shall be assembled with its accessories once a month (except during the freezing weather) and run for a short time. Chapter 1 includes a list of the equipment to be included with the portable fire pumps. All of the equipment given in the list shall be kept in one place and ready for instant use at all times. It must be borne in mind that when this equipment is needed, the personnel sent to get it will be excited and hurried, and unless all the equipment is grouped in one place, some important item may be overlooked resulting in serious delay.

b. Extinguishers.

(1) Carbon Dioxide (CO2) Extinguishers.

Monthly. Visual inspection for proper location and condition. Check seals.

Semi-annually. Weigh units and recharge if weight is more than 10 percent less than normal. See Paragraph c (1) for test.

(2) Dry Chemical Extinguishers.

Monthly. Visual inspection for proper location and condition of extinguisher.

Semi-annually. Inspect chemical for condition. Weigh cartridges to determine charge. Repair and refill as required. See Paragraph c (2) for test.

c. Testing Extinguishers.

- (1) Carbon Dioxide (CO₂) Extinguishers. Perform hydrostatic cylinder test in accordance with Interstate Commerce Commission (ICC) test procedure;
- (a) When emptied by use, if time elapsed since last test exceeds five years, or
- (b) When time elapsed since last test exceeds twelve years, or
- (c) When corrosion, damage or the like warrant regardless of time elapsed.
- (2) Dry Chemical Extinguishers. Return to manufacturer for inspection and test;
 - (a) Every five years, or
- (b) When corrosion, damage or the like warrant regardless of time elapsed.

d. Fire Hose.

Monthly. Visual inspection monthly of nozzles and connections. See that the hose is hung in proper position and place for use in case of fire.

Annually. Test all hose annually except unlined linen hose at system pressure. Defective hose will be replaced with new hose.

5 Years. Test unlined linen hose every five years at 25 pounds higher than normal system pressure.

- e. Nozzles and Playpipes. Visual inspection monthly for condition. See that equipment is kept in the proper place for ready use. Repair or replace as needed.
- f. Fire Doors. Inspect and manually operate monthly to insure equipment is in good operating conditions.
- g. Flammable Waste Containers. Observe that containers are in the proper locations; that proper type containers are being used and are in good condition. Observe that lids fit securely. Be sure that flammable waste is properly disposed of.
- h. Fire Warning Signs. Observe that adequate warning signs are properly located. Check signs for good condition.

i. Fire Plan and Emergency Instructions. Observe adequacy of posted fire and emergency instructions monthly. Check adequacy, condition, and current status annually. Revise as required.

- a. Scope. The Project Manager shall perform his operating and maintenance work in such a manner so as to prevent, to the extent practicable, environmental pollution as the result of Government activities as well as activities by others on the Government property. For the purpose of this manual, environmental pollution is defined as the presence of chemical, physical, or biological elements or agents which adversely affect human health or welfare; unfavorably alter ecological balances of importance to human life; affect other species of importance to man; or degrade the utility of the environment for aesthetic and recreational purposes. The control of environmental pollution requires consideration of air, water, and land, and involves noise and solid waste-management, as well as other pollutants.
- b. Regulations. In order to prevent, and to provide for abatement and control of, any environmental pollution arising from the activities of the Government personnel and others on the reservoir, the Project Manager shall make sure that all people using or working at the project comply with all applicable Federal, State and local laws, and regulations concerning environmental pollution control and abatement, and all applicable provisions of the Corps of Engineers Manual, EM 385-1-1, entitled "General Safety Requirements," latest issue in effect.
- c. Air Pollution. Some forms of air pollution control are covered in other chapters such as dust control and maintenance of rocks and herbicides and insecticides. Further, EM 385-1-1, "Safety General Safety Requirements" requires control of air pollution wherever it is a safety and health hazard. Air pollution originating and caused by project operations shall be eliminated or decreased. The Project Manager shall comply with project air pollution standards set forth by Federal, State and local agencies.
- d. Water Pollution. Care shall be exercised not to pollute the rivers and to maintain water quality standards. Major sources of water pollution are wastes from floating plant (fuel, oil, grease), herbicides and insecticides, sanitary and other waste disposal from buildings, shops and storage areas, and spillage of fuel, grease, oil, etc.
- e. Land Despoilment. Of all forms of despoilment by land equipment, landscape defacement is the most permanent. When a tree is removed needlessly or damaged by burning waste too close to it, repair or replacement takes years. When a fill of the earth, gravel, sand, etc. is made in the wrong place, the environment may be marred for the life of the project. Common land despoilment actions include destruction of land forms and vegetation and pollution of the land by spillage and waste. Outside of recreation and similar areas, care shall be exercised in controlling public travel or usage.

f. Noise Pollution. This area of pollution includes a wide range of causes, from faulty mufflers on equipment to use of explosives. Noise pollution is most serious in congested areas and in enclosed operations. The Project Manager shall make every effort to reduce and control generation of noise detrimental to human environment due to Government activities including control due to a variety of noise producing operation and maintenance machinery and activities.

CHAPTER 9 - MISCELLANEOUS

- a. Mobile Equipment, Tools, etc. (1) General. The maintenance and operation of a flood control dam requires a substantial amount of property, tools and equipment. It is the policy of the New England Division to provide the Project Manager with sufficient tools and equipment to properly maintain and operate the dams, related structures and reservoir with a maximum of efficiency. The Project Manager must bear in mind that the more tools and equipment they acquire the greater their capability of maintenance.
- (2) Government-Owned Miscellaneous Small Gasoline Powered Plant. Test operate each engine weekly. Check general condition of unit during the test operation and repair any deficiencies noted.

Each engine will be given a thorough check biannually by a competent mechanic. Replace excessively worn parts and repair as necessary.

Check oil, water, and fuel before and after each use. After each use clean and service the unit so that it is ready for the next operation. Always fill the gas tank after each use.

On small miscellaneous plant that is seasonal in use, the engines will be drained, cleaned, and properly lubricated for storage during the non-use season. Batteries, if any, for such plant will be placed on a trickle charger, and their condition checked each month.

- (3) Miscellaneous Tools. All items should be kept clean and in good working order at all times. Tools with an edge should be kept sharp. Broken handles on axes, shovels, hammers, etc., should be promptly replaced.
- b. Motor Vehicle Maintenance. (1) Preventative maintenance on motor vehicles under the jurisdiction of the Project Manager. Maintain equipment as recommended by vehicle manufacturer and as outlined in subparagraph (2) below:
- (2) Periodic Motor Vehicle Maintenance Guide. This guide will be used as the equipment requires and in conjunction with the Operator's Manual from the manufacturer.

I. Weekly

Check
Radiator for fluid level and leaks
Fan belts for tension and wear
Batteries for water level
Engine oil
Transmission oil if applicable

Tires for pressure and abrasions Fuel - Deep fuel tank

II. Monthly

- 1. Check
 Weekly items
 Power steering oil level
 Brake fluid level
 Hydraulic fluid level
- 2. Service Air cleaner
- c. Maintenance Records. (1) Maintenance records shall be kept on card Form #314 as required in Engineer Regulation ER-58-2-1, Change 1, Appendix 11, dated 31 May 1968.
- d. Snow Shoes. After the winter period, snow shoes should be wiped clean, the wood and webbing varnished with high grade spar varnish, and stored. Two thin coats of varnish are preferable to one thick one. The shoes should be tied securely, back to back, and a block of wood forced into the space between the toes. They should be placed out of the sun and suspended by a wire so that mice or squirrels cannot get at them.
- e. Oil Storage Tanks. Drain condensate from all oil and fuel storage tanks at least once every two years. Clean above ground tanks and repaint or recoat as required. Check liquid level devices for satisfactory operation. Check gage glasses for leaks.

